

The Margaret Eaton School
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am enclosing a copy of our first Alumnae News Letter of the year. I thought you might be interested in the first two pages which tell of the enrolment this year and the positions secured by our graduates. I feel that the caliber of the positions into which our graduates go this year is somewhat higher than usual.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederic A. Simons

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In spite of war, disturbing rumours, sad thoughts and rising prices, we are glad to be able to report the largest attendance (by one!) at The Margaret Eaton School since it became a separate school of physical education. There are twenty-one seniors and thirty-three juniors, a total of fifty-four. As a matter of fact there are fifty-eight students at camp right now; the extra four include three of last year's seniors who had missed one camp month and Shirley Tandy, an English girl who was to have entered Bedford College this fall but got caught here when the war broke out and will stay with us until she can get back.

The juniors come from coast to coast as usual, but this year we have an unusually large number from the Maritime Provinces. There are Elise Smyth of Sydney, Bette Thomas of Halifax (sister of Hazel who graduated in '31), June MacIntosh and Ruth Milne of Dartmouth, Aileen Hatt of Imperoyal, Dorothy Buck of New Glasgow and Dorothy Walker of Kentville, all Nova Scotians. From Prince Edward Island comes Roberta Hill of Charlottetown, and from New Brunswick Geraldine Dickson of Moncton. Ontario has sent us Dorothy Leggett and Alcy MacDougall of Ottawa, June Kennedy of Unionville, Joan Ottewell of Peterborough, Elinor Wallace of St. Catharines, Shirley Shoenbottom and Sylva Macklin of London, Laura Graham of Scarboro, and Joan Fellowes, Bette Marshall, Blanche Wellman, Barbara Jones and Louise Mackenzie all of Toronto. From Saskatchewan come Norine Johnson of Moose Jaw, Doreen Dunfee of Regina and Elizabeth Cranston of Rosetown; from Alberta, Kathleen Mitchell of Edmonton, Elizabeth Anderson of Brooks, Audrey Jackson of Pincher Creek, Alice McCoy of Lethbridge and Mary Sovereign (Ellie's sister) of Peace River. Our sole representative from British Columbia in the junior year is Helen Staples of Creston. Anne Hutson comes to us from Barbados, British West Indies, and Margaret Davis, a former Branksome student, from Ventnor, N.J. Taken all in all, they are a fine appearing class and as twenty-one of them have either their full or partial upper school, and several have a good background in music, we expect big things of them.

THE CLASS OF 1939 has done remarkably well in the matter of securing positions. They are as follows:

Y. W. C. A.'s

Brantford, Ont.
Fredericton, N. B.
Kingston, Ont.
London, Ont.
Niagara Falls, Ont.
St. Thomas, Ont.
Saskatoon, Sask.
Sherbrooke, Que.
Windsor, Ont.
Winnipeg, Man.

Frances McConnell
Dorothy Cameron
Winnifred MacLennan
Gwen Baalim
Frances Christie
Patty Sterne
Dorothy Forsyth
Marjorie Fraser
Phoebe Hamilton
(Jess Loaring
(Jean Sutton

Private Schools

Branksome Hall, Toronto
Havergal College, Toronto (part-time)
Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, Ont.
Ontario Ladies College, Whitby, Ont.
Ovenden School, Barrie, Ont.

Margaret Davison
Elinor Walker
Katharine Reed
Adrienne Adams
Dorothy Laidlaw

appreciated by present and future students as well as, we hope, by those who may come in to use the books we purchase. The Music Club of 1938-39 gave the school a copy of the Oxford Book of Carols, the Camera Club "How to Make Good Pictures" and the Riding Club a subscription to the Riding Magazine. When Kay Johnson returned from a trip abroad this summer she brought the school a copy of Otto Bleemann's "Kleine Körperschule", a book on gymnastics written in German and therefore not so easily read but delightfully illustrated. We feel very rich indeed.

An honour has come to the school as well as to Miss Somers, in her appointment as president of the Canadian Physical Education Association at the biennial convention held in Vancouver in June. We feel the Association is fortunate to get such a president because we know Miss Somers has excellent ideas gained through long experience in physical education, initiative to put these ideas into operation, and the energy that such a heavy task requires. May we suggest that The Margaret Eaton School graduates who are active in physical education rally to her support. There are three ways in which this could be done: 1.) By paying the membership fee in the C.P.E.A. of \$1.00 per year (Send it to Mr. Ian Eisenhardt, Secretary-Treasurer, 604 Hall Building, Vancouver, B.C.) 2.) By trying to arouse interest in the C.P.E.A. among other physical educationists. 3.) By doing committee work willingly and thoroughly. This would only be asked of a few.

About one hundred and sixty-five persons attended the fourth Convention of the Canadian Physical Education Association, which was held in Vancouver from June 19th to 22nd. These men and women in the fields of physical education and recreation came from every province in the Dominion except Prince Edward Island, Quebec showing the largest attendance east of British Columbia. The Convention was very carefully planned and enthusiastically carried out by the committees of which Mr. Eisenhardt was chairman. The visitors were thoughtfully looked after from the moment they arrived until the last night. The final business meeting of the Association took place the fourth afternoon on the top of Grouse Mountain, and was a lively conclusion to the four days of speeches and round table discussions and demonstrations. Dr. A. S. Lamb of McGill presided. At the banquet and luncheon many distinguished guests from the government and educational circles of British Columbia were present. The demonstrations were frequent and represented the work of the schools and University of British Columbia, and the Provincial Dominion Recreation Programme. One entire evening programme which was put on by school girls consisted of many different kinds of dancing and rhythmic work, and most interesting of all showed the work which is being taught in voluntary, after school classes.

The publicity which the newspapers gave the Convention was splendid, and extended over the actual time of the meetings: - reports of meetings, pictures and editorials.

The Margaret Eaton School graduates were there in good number, as well as many graduates from The McGill School of Physical Education, and the British Columbia Normal Schools, University and special summer schools. Others represented English and Danish professional schools.

Florence A. Somers

Miss Elizabeth Wardley of our staff, was married on September 6th at Pittsburgh, Pa. to Mr. Ralph Raymer. They expect to be in Toronto after September 25th and will live at 87 Woodlawn Avenue West.

A number of graduates took further study this summer either abroad or in the United States, notably Mary Adams '34, Kathleen Bird '37, Helen Hurd '36, Winnifred McEvoy '35, Shirley Naylor '37, Betty Snell '35, and Leila Worthy '24. Kay Johnson '32 had an interesting trip and visited some of the important schools in Denmark. Winnifred McEvoy, Mary Adams and Kay Johnson were all at the Ling Centenary in Stockholm and Winnifred took part, in the front row if you please, with other students from the Snohøj Folk High School. We hope to have some interesting accounts of these excursions into the realm of knowledge for our December News Letter.

Two of our graduates who have been wanderers abroad for a longer period of time, have returned home. Elva Miller '27 got back early in July after a very pleasant year in Cairo. She talks very interestingly of her work at the Y.W.C.A. and at the English School in Cairo, and of the sights in general in this cosmopolitan city. Irma Moyer '31, who is now Mrs. John Manning, came home in August to spend three months with her family here. Unfortunately the unsettled conditions caused by the war make it necessary for her to return to India by the Pacific at a much earlier date than she at first planned. Irma will be at home to any of her friends who want to drop in to see her, the week of October first at her mother's residence, 586 Markham Street, Toronto. She will be leaving for Vancouver on October 7th.

A letter came the last of August (sixteen days from China by Air Mail to England) from Fannie Lee '29 of 36 Taipo Road, Kowloon Hong Kong. As we wrote in our June Letter, Fan has been very ill, since March '38 as a matter of fact. She hoped to start work again in September and as she says she is beginning to worry about new material once more, she thinks she must be getting back to normal! Fan says Jean Mark '29 (Mrs. George Lee) is well, and is doing some temporary work.

Friends of Andreana Williams '22 (Mrs. Cecil Gunyan) will share our relief in the knowledge that she and her three children, Philip, Barbara and Andrew, were rescued from the Athenia and are now with friends in Devonshire, England.

In spite of war, blockades and typhoons, Grace Darroch '22 writes cheerfully as usual, to one of the Alumnae, from her home in Shanghai. Dr. Darroch is in China now with Grace and her sister Ruth and they have spent a quiet summer at home, gardening and buying new furniture!

Marjorie Culbert '29 has arrived safely in India. Her aunt, Miss Wilson, kindly let us read a long letter from Marjorie which gave most graphically her first impressions of India particularly of Bombay and the trip from there to Calcutta. "Bombay looked at first like any other large city with busses, trams (street cars to you), horses, carts, bicycles and crowds of people. Then I began to notice the peculiarities of the east -- beggars lying or sitting, sleeping on the street - just anywhere -- coolies pulling their little two-wheeled carts at a jog-trot and keeping time with a little bell in one hand, numerous dome-shaped roofs on the buildings and the sameness of material of which the buildings themselves are built". We wish we had the space to quote more fully from this very interesting letter.

Kathleen G. Pepler '22 was married on April 22, 1939 to Lieutenant John Hall of Lindi, Tanganyika, British East Africa. The last we heard mail sent to Box 2

at that address would get her. Unfortunately we have not been able to get any very recent news of her for this letter.

Shigeko Hasegawa of 122 Shimorenajaku, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan, who graduated this year, sailed on Monday, September 18th for her homeland. "Shiggy" was not very well last year and as she still had quite a way to go physically, the doctors advised her to return home. She made a very warm place for herself in all our hearts and we hope that after a good rest she will be able to take up the work that is waiting for her in Japan.

Jean Mooney '31 who was to have sailed for Cairo on September 2nd, had to cancel her sailing on account of the war. As Katharine Mackenzie '35 unexpectedly had to give up her position in the Moncton Y.W.C.A. on the orders of her doctor, Jean has been appointed in her place.

Glowing reports have reached us of the beauty and success of the Falconbridge Community Camp run by Grace Craig '28 for the Falconbridge Mines. The camp is situated on a lovely lake away up in the wilds and is run for girls, boys and adults.

Isabel Lowe '36 was married on September 4th to Harold Govan Maguire. They are at home at 6 Kewane, Saskatoon, Sask.

Mona Miller Tomalin '23, is sergeant-major of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service in Victoria. This is originally an English organization. The Victoria group has a membership of one hundred and thirty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Armstrong (Ethel Thornton '28) announce the arrival of Victoria Alice Jane - Vicky for short.

Leith Withrow Henderson was born on June 25th to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Henderson (Joyce Withrow '34).

Born, on Sunday, September 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Macdonald (Isabel Callan '38) a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwerin (Evelyn Wilson '23) announce the birth of a son, Franklin, on July 17th.

John Bradley Walker, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz., arrived on August 24th to gladden the hearts of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker (Jane Bell '30).

Graduates who were at the school in the years '33 to '36 will join with us in deep regret that Mr. Thornton Mustard, who taught our students Psychology at that time, is among the passengers of the Athenia who are "unaccounted for". Mr. Mustard besides being a man of charming personality was an extremely able educationalist. He had much to do with the working out of the new curriculum in the province of Ontario, and last year was appointed Principal of the Toronto Normal School.

Charlotte H. Layton

Correction: Margaret Davis does not come to us from Branksome, but from King's Hall where Gwladys Keyzer '29 and Margaret Gurd '35 are the physical directors.



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